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## The new funeral chapel – one year later

By Paula Smith

It has been one year since the Ottawa Chevra Kadisha moved the funeral chapel from its King Edward Avenue location to the new one at 1771 Cuba Avenue in Alta Vista. In that year there have been over 75 funerals and the feelings about that move, both positive and negative, have crystallized.

There has been much criticism levelled at the building, where it is and the way it works. Sam Ages, the head Gabbai of the Chevra Kadisha, responded to some of the criticism.

After purchasing the building, formerly a church, extensive renovations made the facilities for the ritual work of the Chevra Kadisha far superior. The working areas are cleaner and more modern as well as being far more spacious. In October this year, three separate funerals were managed in one day. This would not have been possible working in the cramped and outdated basement area of the old chapel.

The renovations to the building also included the installation of an elevator, making the building accessible to the

handicapped as well as the transfer and setting up of the beautiful stained glass memorial window from King Edward Avenue to the new building.

A lack of adequate parking was cited as one of the reasons for moving the chapel. However, there is much debate about whether the parking situation has improved at the new location. Moving from the business centre of the city precludes almost anyone from walking to the chapel. And although there are more than 60 spaces in the parking lot, and the old chapel had none at all, on occasion there is serious congestion in the neighborhood. At the old location, many members of the community were familiar with the nearby streets where parking was available as well as with public transit access and have not yet learned the ins and outs of the Cuba Street site.

The new chapel seats 280 in the main sanctuary and another 120 can be accommodated between upstairs and downstairs rooms that are visually connected by closed circuit TV to the ser-

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"The sages in Bnei Brak, reclining while retelling the story of the Exodus throughout the night." This is the translation of the Hebrew under this illustration from *The Offenbach Haggadah*, 1722, part of the Jacob M. Lowy Collection, National Library of Canada. On Monday, December 7, the Library and the Collection Council will host an informative evening, *Ashkenaz: a celebration of German Jewry* with Lowy curator Cheryl Jaffee. (See story on page 6)



Beth Shalom West is celebrating its Chai Anniversary. Holding the Torahs are Rabbi Howard Finkelstein (left) and Cantor Daniel Benlolo. (See story on page 7)

### Membership drive

## Soloway JCC launches Chai for Chai offer

Just in time for a mid-winter, January shape-up, the Soloway Jewish Community Centre is offering an 18 per cent saving on the price of a Chai membership, a Chai for a Chai, to anyone who joins between December 1, 1998 and January 31, 1999. The Chai membership includes unlimited free access to the Fitness Centre, Gym, Squash Courts, Swimming Pools, Library and Teen Lounge.

There isn't a better time to get in shape and get involved.

There are added benefits for current Soloway JCC Chai members, too. In appreciation for their support of the Centre, all current Chai members will automatically receive an additional month on their membership as well as free aerobics and aquafit classes.

Watch for more details about the Chai for Chai membership offer in the Bulletin and the Soloway Jewish Community Centre Winter Program Guide available in the newspaper's December 14 issue.

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## COMMENTARY

# Community can't afford to be all things to all people



## VAAD REPORT

BARBARA FARBER  
PRESIDENT, VAAD HAIR

Those of us who attended the opening program of the Greenberg Families Library were delighted with Susan Jackson's talk on the *Significance of Books to the Jewish People*. Congratulations to the library committee, chaired by Ruth Levitan, for this humorous yet informative evening. I know that many more such programs are planned and I urge all of you who missed the opening to be a part of the upcoming programming.

No one can doubt the message that Susan Jackson brought us that evening. Reading and telling stories to your children is so very important. Our children have to know their history and their roots so that they can be secure in their knowledge of who they are and where they are going.

Reading to your children or grandchildren also provides a warm atmosphere, a gentle inter-generational intimacy along with the added bonus of imparting knowledge on a more casual basis.

On a more formal basis, the imparting of knowledge is paramount in the development of our children enrolled in the community's Hebrew schools. From the study of our

history, language, laws and customs and the many other facets of Jewish studies, it is crucial that their knowledge of who they are and why they are will help in their self-assuredness as individuals. Knowledge is power.

I have always felt very strongly that individuals have every right to choose the religious lifestyle that they may wish to practise. But how does anyone choose unless there is knowledge behind the choice?

All of our existing schools, and I'm including day, afternoon and evening schools, offer a Hebrew education of varying degrees. It is a parent's absolute right to choose one of these schools. I don't believe it's a parent's right not to choose any.

Now, we as a community, are faced with a dilemma. How do we fund all of our educational facilities? Our UJA campaign provides the funding to the schools but as always we need to raise more dollars and then also ensure that the funding is being done on a fair and equitable basis.

In a previous column I described the need for a strong planning and priorities committee. A committee was struck and is being chaired most ably by Josee Posen along with the professional support of Rubin Friedman. The committee is comprised of the following people: Jonathan Calof, Lawrence Greenberg, Dr. Lewis Leikin, Gerald Levitz, Allan Moscovitch, Rona Shaffran-Tannenbaum and Jill Stern. The challenge was to begin the process with an educational review and to that end the report was published and is in the process of being reviewed by the Vaad officers and executive.

Costs of providing a Jewish education are high, enrol-

ment has dropped somewhat and yet the community seems to be giving birth to more schools. We, as community leaders, place a very high value on a Jewish education, but we simply cannot be all things to all people.

The report presented us with a fairly extensive list of recommendations, vis-a-vis funding as well as other ways that we might be helpful to one another. We are in the process of studying these suggestions now.

At the present time several of our afternoon schools are facing budget shortfalls for the current year. And unfortunately, there are no magical solutions. Increased enrolment would certainly help, as would a favorable response to their various fundraising initiatives.

Stay tuned. I'll keep you informed as to the outcome of the report. Following the response of the executive to the committee report, copies will be made available to community members should they wish to respond.

On behalf of the executive, I offer sincere appreciation to all the members of the committee as well as to the schools who commented on the draft report as well as to the professionals, Chuck and Aviva Freedman and Stan Katz. Thank you all for your concerns and valuable advice.

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## Comeback has a prayer

Most observers of the contemporary scene acknowledge that we are living in a materialistic society. The accent is on making money and then having it to spend on the necessities of life, including some necessities which in previous generations would have been considered luxuries.

But whatever advantages the acquisition of material wealth was supposed to bring, happiness is not one of them. There is no hard evidence that we are happier today than our ancestors were generations ago.

In the words of one social critic, there is evidence that, in general, society is somewhat like the mouth of the alligator. The gross national product is rising steadily, but the general level of societal satisfaction is going down. We have manifestations of wealth, but simultaneous manifestations of real poverty, both material and spiritual. And the mouth of the alligator is widening.

The sad fact is that spiritual poverty is pervasive. Material wealth has not generated a concomitant spiritual bounty. There is, instead, a large scale spiritual impoverishment, as revealed in the high rate of divorce, and horrific numbers of people who have been subjected to abuse, with an astounding 50% of women saying that they have been abused at one point or another in their lives.

Unquestionably, society has a sacred obligation to feed the hungry, to provide for the basic needs of those not fortunate enough to have their own source for sustenance. But there is also a deeply felt spiritual hunger, stemming from the realization that wealth alone does not bring happiness.

It should not come as a surprise that the accent on material gain has caused such a reaction. After all, human beings are a unique combination of body and spirit, such that ignoring one aspect is bound to create a serious deficit.

That deficit is being addressed by many different groups and individuals in their own ways. Spirituality is now an "in" word, and prayer has been making a real comeback. Who would have thought that an



## FROM THE PULPIT

RABBI REUVEN P. BULKA  
MACHZIKEI HADAS

avowed atheist like Larry King would ever co-author a book on prayer?

Prayer is in, and has even made it to the sacred sanctum of scientific research. We are actually able to document the efficacy of prayer. I am not talking merely about the psychological benefit accruing to the one who prays. That, one can well appreciate.

What is most surprising to the skeptics is that prayer actually works. A study in the late 1980s revealed that in a controlled situation, people who were prayed "for" by strangers actually did better for a common need than those not prayed for.

This study was greeted with skepticism and even disbelief by those who were scientifically oriented. Could this actually be replicated? Was it not a fluke that could easily be explained away?

Guess what? It was repeated, and the results were the same. Larry Dossey observed that if this was a pill, not prayer, it would have been hailed as a miraculous new medical discovery.

But it was not a new discovery. It was a re-discovery of a human spiritual expression that is as old as human life itself. We are, after all, and despite everything, spiritual beings. But it took being spiritually famished to wake the world up to this.

This is not to denigrate science, or to downplay the importance of material needs. It is to emphasize that we should never be one dimensional in our approach to life. Sooner or later, we pay a severe penalty for this.

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**ORGANIZATIONS AND PEOPLE**

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### Partnership 2000 forges strong relationships

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Our situation parallels that of remote regions of Israel, such as the Galilee Panhandle in the far north of the country. It is an area that does not have the population and does not get the attention of Tel Aviv or Jerusalem.

It seems appropriate, then, that Ottawa – along with other medium-sized Canadian Jewish communities like Vancouver and Winnipeg – is twinned with several communities under the Partnership 2000 program.

"As far as Jewish communities go, we're part of the Rest-of-Canada," says Ottawa educator Naomi Lipsky Cracower, "just like they are the Rest-of-Israel. The Galilee Panhandle is a fascinating area that not enough people visit when they travel to Israel."

Partnership 2000 is the major program for communities outside Israel to be directly involved in developing the state's national priority areas – the Negev, Galilee and Jerusalem. Ottawa is involved in projects in the Panhandle ranging from economic development to integrating the disabled population to creating youth leadership.

Lipsky Cracower participates in a project called the "Living Bridge", which is designed to establish an ongoing link between schools and communities in Canada and in the Galilee. Her husband Allan is also involved in Partnership 2000 – he travels to Israel to coach hockey at the Canada Sports Center in Metulla.

Lipsky Cracower stresses that the partnership program is really a two-way street: "We provide money and assistance, but Israel is helping us as well in expertise and in sharing ideas. As far as education is concerned, they're eons ahead of us technologically."

Partnership 2000 is the ideal setting for communities like ours to forge direct relationships with our Israeli counterparts and to strengthen Jewish identity and continuity while sharing one of Israel's major challenges today: developing the outlying regions that are poised for historic change as peace becomes a reality. It is one of the important international projects that UJA helps support.



(Above) Allan Cracower together with hockey kids at the Canada Sports Center in Metulla.

(Below) Naomi Lipsky Cracower visits children in a northern kibbutz, part of the Partnership 2000 project.



### Men's Leadership Council helps ensure our community flourishes

The UJA campaign is one of the many things that brings our community together. But UJA's success depends on the active involvement of that very community. Our leadership organizations for young men and young women play an important role in nurturing that involvement and commitment.

For Allan Taylor, the chair of the Men's Leadership Development Program (MLDP), UJA is an important aspect of what makes up our community. The program tries to give its participants a sense of how UJA, and other organizations and agencies, serve the needs of the local Jewish population.

"It's a great opportunity not only to find out

how the community works, but also what you want to do – and enjoy doing – in the community," says Taylor.

Participants in the MLDP sign up for a two-year-long series of meetings and special events designed – among many things – to deepen their Jewish identity, to expand their knowledge of and involvement in Jewish organizations, and to develop their leadership skills.

Participants also observe a local agency board over the course of their first year in the program. They are also expected to contribute to and participate in the UJA campaign. One element of the program involves training participants on how to raise

and allocate funds.

"I think our participants have two things in mind: to get more involved and also to find out how the community works," Taylor says.

Like many participants, Taylor got involved in the program as a natural outgrowth of his interest in community activism.

"I joined because I already did a lot in the community and this was the logical next step," he says. "I try to do whatever I'm asked to do when it comes to community involvement."

Programs like the MLDP foster that zest and commitment to help ensure that our community flourishes.

## ORGANIZATIONS AND PEOPLE

# Magen David Adom dedicates ambulance in honor of Deputy Prime Minister Herb Gray

With notes from Miriam Ages Ben-Shalom

Everyone in Israel has heard the screeching sirens of an MDA ambulance as it races to the scene where it is needed – after a terrorist attack in a pedestrian mall, at central bus stations, at ordinary bus stops, or on a hundred other sites throughout the land. The sight and sound of the MDA intensive care units fill Israelis with fear while at the same time assure them that help is on the way.

In stark contrast to these unspeakable scenes, imagine a brand new Magen David Adom ambulance parked at the entrance of Machzikei Hadas Congregation.

On Sunday, October 18, Canadian Magen David Adom (CMDA), Israel's national emergency, blood and ambulance service, dedicated an ambulance in honor of Deputy Prime Minister Herb Gray. The presentation was well attended by many members of the Ottawa community as well as representatives of the CMDA executive from Montreal.

The ambulance was driven to Ottawa for the dedication and then returned to Montreal for shipment to Israel.

National Ambulance Chair Irwin Beutel presented the "Pikach Nefesh" Award and the keys to the ambulance to the Honourable Herb Gray.

In his response, the deputy prime minister said: "Sustaining life is the very purpose of this ambulance, this well-equipped mobile intensive care unit. It is truly wonderful for you to be engaged in the work you do, in the Canadian Magen David Adom for Israel, and I am grateful to you for linking me with this work."

## Canada-Israel Chanukah party on December 15

By Geri Migicovsky

One of the most popular events of the Chanukah season is the annual Canada-Israel Chanukah party. Dr. Norman Barwin, president of the Ottawa branch, has announced that this year's celebration will take place on Tuesday, December 15 at 7:30 pm in the party room of the Sussex Apartments, 40 Boteler Street.

Evelyn Greenberg on the piano and Sol Gunner on the violin will make sure the holiday season begins in great style with traditional freilich Jewish melodies.

All members and prospective members are welcome. There will be a charge of \$5.00 for non members. To RSVP call Geri Migicovsky (729-0333) or Ruth Calof (523-1600).

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Israel's ambassador to Canada, David Sultan, expressed the thanks and appreciation of the people and government of Israel and accepted the keys to the mobile intensive care unit.

Miriam Lang, national president, and Ted Nashman and Arthur Levitt, past presidents, spoke on behalf of CMDA.

Taking part in the dedication ceremony from Machzikei Hadas were Rabbi Reuven Bulka, Cantor Pinchas Levinson and Vice-President Joel Taller.

Sam Litwack, representing the Ottawa Chapter of CMDA, said, "In these times, when our young people have a difficult time finding people they can respect and look up to, how fortunate we are to have two people here today who combine intelligence, honesty and integrity – Rabbi Bulka and Herb Gray."



Pictured at the ambulance dedication in honor of Deputy Prime Minister Herb Gray are (from left to right): Arnie Swedler, Joel Taller, Sarah Swedler, Miriam Algom, Dr. David Algom, Rabbi Reuven Bulka, the Honourable Herb Gray, David Kardish, Dora Litwack and Sam Litwack.

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# Ashkenaz: a celebration of German Jewry at National Library

By Ellie Leyman

On Monday, December 7, at 7:30 pm, the National Library of Canada and the Council of the Jacob M. Lowy Collection will host a rare and informative evening with Lowy curator, Cheryl Jaffee. Jaffee will present an illustrated lecture on the themes and highlights of the exhibition, culminating in a tour of the exhibit in the Special Collections Exhibition Room.

On display will be original rare Jewish antiquarian books including *Seforim* and *Haggadot* as well as facsimiles of medieval manuscripts. As Jaffee notes,

these books bring us a "sense of continuity with the Ashkenazi literary and cultural traditions of our ancestors". She will show selected pages of Judaica and Hebraica through a series of slides. Included is the 1538 edition of the *Sefer Ha-Hasidim* or *Book of the Pious*, written in the 12th century. It is the primary source of information about Jewish life in medieval Germany.

Slides will also include pages from the famous *Worms Mahzor* which illustrates Shabbat Zakhor, the Sabbath of Remembrance. Written in Square Ashkenazi script in 1272 in Worms,

Germany, it remained in the Great Synagogue there until the synagogue's destruction during Kristallnacht in 1938.

Among other works that will be on display, is a volume of *Responsa* from Prague, printed in 1608, a Tractate from the Talmud Bavli, printed in the late 17th century in Frankfurt am Oder; and the renowned *Sefer Mesholim* which relates early Yiddish fables.

Of special interest will be a unique *Haggadah*, copied and illustrated in 1763 in Altona, Germany, in a rich and colorful folkloric design. It has been des-

ignated by the curator as the "Ottawa Haggadah". Among the modern works is a first edition of Martin Buber's adaptation of *The Tales of Rabbi Nachman*, printed in 1906 in Frankfurt.

The illustrated lecture and tour by the curator will be a highlight of the exhibition. The texts and writings represent a wealth of historical, religious and linguistic documentation of Ashkenazi Jewry. They are part of our history and they all tell a story. It is the story of *Ashkenaz* and of the continuity and renewal of the Jewish people in every age.

## A PAGE FROM THE JEWISH ARCHIVES

By Elliott Gluck

"The more things change, the more they stay the same." The French said it, but is it really true?

I will be writing an occasional column on Jewish Ottawa based on Jewish Archives records. This first column will look at the year 1948 and test your memory a bit!

• Then, as now, the minutes of the Vaad Ha'Ir show the Vaad played a crucial role in our community. Early in 1948, it was concerned with the appointment of the city's second rabbi to serve as spiritual leader for the new home of Congregation Agudath Israel. (His name? Margolis.) The Vaad also gave its blessing to the creation of a Jewish Community Centre – and look at us now!

• A reference in the Vaad minutes to the 'Carlsbad Fire' led me to call Dr. Norman Tenenbaum, whose parents owned a 'watering spot' called 'Tenenbaum's Lodge'. He informed me that the Lodge and the boarding house next door, owned by the Epstein family, were destroyed in the fire – a sad loss to the bubbles and zaydies who found Carlsbad Springs a convenient summer resort. Its distinctive sulphur smells were never to be forgotten by their children – who go to the spas of Europe today!

• The *Ottawa Jewish Bulletin* began in 1937, primarily as a vehicle to inform the community about the activities of the four shuls, King Street, James Street, Murray and

Rideau Streets – can you identify their formal names? By the way, these four shuls were served well by one rabbi! By 1948 the *Bulletin* had evolved into a vehicle to report community events and there was lots to report. Whatever happened, for example, to Young Judea? The first issue of the *Bulletin* in 1948 reports on the organization's annual convention in Ottawa, chaired by Herman Roodman, with Rabbi I. Bertram (Izzie) Rose as national director and Irving Aaron playing a major part in the proceeding.

If you guessed *Adath Jeshurun* (King), *B'nai Jacob* (James), *Machzikei Hadas* (Murray) and *Agudath Achim* (Rideau), you would be correct.

• And did Ottawa Jewry take part in accepting any of the Jewish orphans from Europe whose fate depended on our generosity? We had done so in 1921 and 1922. So far nothing has been found in the Archives to fill in this chapter of our lives. Can any of our readers fill this gap?

• With Remembrance Day Shabbat fresh in our minds, the last item will deal with a tribute to Dr. Abe Hurtig by the government of Czechoslovakia. He was awarded the Order of Merit, First Class, for outstanding service to Czech soldiers during the Second World War, one of 16 Canadian doctors so honored.

And so 'L'hitzot' your comments will be welcome, and your questions too!

## MAILBAG

The Noshery is the place to be  
Dear Editor:

I just had lunch at The Noshery Deli in the new state-of-the-art Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building. It felt like

the set of the TV hit *Cheers*, because I knew everyone there. What a feeling! If you want to go where everyone knows your name", The Noshery is the place to be. Oh yes, the food is great, the ambiance lively and the view overlooking the swimming pool is terrific.

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Evelyn Greenberg



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Did you know . . .

• UJA funding subsidizes the salary of one teacher at Ottawa Modern Jewish School.



## ORGANIZATIONS AND PEOPLE

### Beth Shalom West celebrates Chai Anniversary

In 1981, a few families in the Craig Henry area started getting together on Shabbat for minyan. It grew to meetings, High Holy Day services and simchas held in apartment party rooms, high school auditoriums and even a roller-skating arena.

Support and inspiration for the establishment of a west-end shul came from Rabbi Basil Herring, a former spiritual leader of Congregation Beth Shalom. The downtown congregation provided generous start-up assistance including prayer books, furniture and Torah scrolls. With Herring's encouragement, members of Beth Shalom were recruited to head up a fundraising campaign to build a sanctuary. Initially headed by the late Jack Krane, who gave the campaign an energetic start, Herb Zagerman agreed to take over when Krane became too ill to continue.

The Beth Shalom West (BSW) sanctuary opened for services just in time for Rosh Hashanah 1985, unpainted and without carpets. Nevertheless, it was a welcome home to a congregation that had been used to makeshift accommodations for a number of years. The shul quickly became known for hosting an outstanding youth program and a stimulating program of adult Jewish education, and membership quickly grew.

Today, Beth Shalom West boasts modern catering and social facilities. Most of all, members like the special ambiance

at the services. The sanctuary is marked by an informal yet respectful tone. The size and layout provide for a degree of intimacy absent from many larger synagogues. Rabbi Howard Finkelstein's sermons typically relate Torah and Halacha to contemporary situations. Cantor Daniel Benlolo blends Sephardic and Ashkenazic cantorial traditions for a congregation that enjoys participating in the services. Both clergymen are involved with educating young people throughout Ottawa, as well as being active in community affairs. Services are complemented by an active education program geared to members of all ages.

When asked what appeals to him at BSW, Rabbi Finkelstein replied, "The opportunity of working with warm, committed and wonderful people is a stimulating and energizing experience. I enjoy

the interaction with a young and professional congregation, and the challenge of teaching Torah to a highly educated membership."

Cantor Benlolo says he likes the informal open attitude of the congregation that encourages him to experiment with new tunes.

The current synagogue co-chairs are Eric Weisblom and Sara Breiner.

To mark the special anniversary, a special "Mizmor Shir Chanukat Ha-Bayit" will be held on the first night of Chanukah, December 13, as Beth Shalom West re-dedicates its sanctuary. Past chairs will be honored at the gala black-tie event. For more information, and to purchase tick-

ets, call Bev Glube at the synagogue office (723-1800).

In addition, Rabbi Finkelstein has developed a special series of lectures on the life and works of Moses Maimonides. Classes are held at the synagogue Monday evenings at 8:00 pm and are open to the public. The rabbi is planning a special interactive study group to begin in January on Modern Jewish History from religious and secular perspectives.

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## ORGANIZATIONS AND PEOPLE

# Mingling with celebrities is daily routine for Lisa Granatstein

By Cynthia Nyman Engel

Lisa Granatstein is discovering the power of the press, and she's having the time of her young life doing it.

At a party held recently in honor of John F. Kennedy Jr.'s magazine, *George*, Lisa was seated for dinner with Hollywood leading man Paul Newman, his daughter and quintessential hostess Martha Stewart.

Months before at a gathering celebrating the 75th anniversary of her previous employer, *Time Magazine*, she chatted it up with the likes of actors Tom Cruise, Nicole Kidman, Raquel Welch, Sharon Stone, author Toni Morrison, and Supreme Court Judge Clarence Thomas's nemesis, lawyer Anita Hill.

Hobnobbing with celebrities is all in a day's work for Granatstein. And, since last January when she joined the staff at *Mediaweek* magazine, mixing and mingling with the crème de la crème has become daily routine for the 32-year-old journalist. As a senior editor at the Manhattan-based trade publication, she is wined and dined by movers and shakers in the magazine industry who are anxious for favorable press.

Is she enjoying the exposure to leading luminaries? You bet. "The experience has been hilarious," she bubbles. "There's a book in this somewhere."

"If I chose to, I could go out to breakfast, lunch and dinner almost every day of the week," she laughs. "I know all the power restaurants in Manhattan and where the best grilled salmon can be had."

What her hosts want is good publicity and Lisa is definitely in a position to deliver. *Mediaweek* keeps media buyers apprised of what's going on in the magazine industry, and editors and publishers current on what the competition is doing.

"My job is essentially as messenger for major magazines," explains Lisa. "For example, if *Newsweek* is changing its look, I write an article about the changes they're making. What I report may bias the decisions media planners make about placing or not placing a client's advertisement in the magazine."

"Or, if an editor leaves one magazine for another, I write about it. A new editor means there will be changes in the magazine which, again, influence media planners' decisions."

Montreal-born Lisa was seven, her sister Carol-Ann five, when Sandy and Marvin Granatstein moved to Ottawa in 1973.

After graduating Hillel Academy she attended Hillcrest



Lisa Granatstein (centre) attends an Open House for reporters at Martha Stewart's Connecticut studio kitchen.

### High School.

"As a child, I wanted to be an archaeologist until I realized I needed maths and sciences," says Lisa. Neither was her strong suit, so instead she went with her strengths and earned an Hon. BA in Political Science from the University of Western Ontario.

After graduating the University of Toronto with an MA in Political Science, she began studies toward a PhD, planning to become a professor of political science and history. That was until she found out what studying toward a PhD entailed.

"I was always interested in the world and what was happening," she says, "but I quickly discovered I hated living in a library. I thought if I have to endure six or seven more years of this to get a PhD, forget it. You weren't experiencing the world in that situation, you were reading about it."

So she invested in a power suit, a pair of high heels and, armed with two degrees and virtually no work experience, for six months she trudged from government interview to government interview.

"Neither the federal nor provincial government was remotely interested in me," she remembers. "What actually saved me was the Gulf War. It was heating up and with my background in political science I set up interviews at Global and CBC-TV. I got nowhere with Global but I man-

aged to talk myself into a job at CBC."

Lisa was hired as an editorial assistant at *The National* out of Toronto on the day CBC announced cuts involving millions of dollars. She laughs remembering how she wore her power suit and heels to work on the first day to discover only the anchors suited-up. From then on she wore jeans and sneakers.

What was to have been a temporary three week stint became three happy years at CBC Toronto. "For a while I did a lot of picking up plane tickets and delivering scripts," she says. "The only glamorous thing I did was help an editor pack her bags for Saudi Arabia. But I knew, from the moment I started at CBC, this life at the centre of things was the life for me." The journalism bug had bitten and bitten hard.

In time CBC allowed her to write, research and learn about visuals. One of her first interviews was with Ontario's then-Premier Bob Rae. "I was so-o-o-nervous," she says. On another occasion she went to Thunder Bay to follow Prince Charles and Lady Diana on their visit to Canada.

"And the day Barbara Frum died, I interviewed Peter Gzowski and Mordecai Richler," she recalls. "That was tough."

Working for a time at CBC *Newsworld* and at a local channel, CBLT, Lisa realized she would never feel secure without further training. She also realized, because Americans and American politics fascinated her, she wanted to work in the US. She applied to and was accepted as a student at the Columbia School of Journalism in Manhattan.

"That was an eye-opening experience," she says. "It was boot camp and it made me write." She spent the year running all over New York chasing stories in the Bronx, covering Rudolph Giuliani's election as mayor and all manner of breaking news items.

She graduated from Columbia in 1994 with a Masters of Science in Journalism and found a position freelancing at New York 1, a cable channel. Her workday began at 3 am and ended at noon. At the same time she was a

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### Na'amot Workshop:

## Our Legacy and Future Direction

By Rebecca Zuckerbrodt

Na'amot Ottawa will be holding a one day workshop entitled "Our Legacy and Future Direction" on Sunday, November 29. Agnes Meinhard, associate professor of Organizational Behaviour and director of the Centre of Voluntary Sector Studies at Ryerson Polytechnic University, will be leading the sessions to take place in the boardroom of the Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 1780 Kerr Avenue from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm. A dynamic and highly motivating

speaker, Meinhard will lead discussions on the past accomplishments, present challenges, and future direction of Na'amot.

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## Congregation Beth Shalom says *Kumt Aleh Fraynd* for a Yiddish classic

By Kinneret Globerman

Yiddish is chicken soup for the Jewish soul. One only has to hear the opening strains of *Oyfen Pripitchik* to feel the heart lurch, or remember some of the routines from comic old-timers like Myron Cohen to appreciate the richness of an endangered language. The Oxford English Reference Dictionary states that Yiddish has had "a significant effect on English vocabulary and idiom ... providing words such as *bagel* and *schmaltz*. In other words, you don't have to be fluent in Yiddish to enjoy it.

And that's because Yiddish really is a universal language; it's a *glezel lechayim* — a toast to life in all its complexities, its drama and its beau-

ty, its joy and its sorrow. Congregation Beth Shalom is toasting its renewed life by inviting everyone with a Jewish soul to come to the screening of the movie, *A Brielle der Mamen* (A Letter to Mother), on Sunday, November 29, at 2 pm in the synagogue chapel at 151 Chapel Street.

The last Yiddish movie to be produced in Warsaw, it is set in Polish Ukraine and in New York City during the First World War. It's a classic tale of a Jewish family in Europe coping with the daily effort of living. The family ends up as new immigrants in *der Goldene Land of Amerike* while *der Mamen* struggles to keep it together.

"I'm delighted that we're doing this movie," says Pearl Scope, who, with Natalie Gussman, is organizing this special event. "It's delightful and moving. It embraces the Yiddish heart. From the word 'go', it speaks to the heart." A discussion will follow the screening.

You don't have to be an expert in Yiddish to enjoy *A Brielle der Mamen*. In fact, you don't even have to know a word of Yiddish at all; the movie has English subtitles. So join Congregation Beth Shalom for what promises to be a rich, cultural experience. Admission is \$3 per person. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call Pearl Scope (526-1656) or Natalie Gussman (727-3849).

## Jewish War Veterans of Canada - Ottawa Post awards scholarships

By Horace Beilin

At the annual General Meeting of the Jewish War Veterans of Canada, Ottawa Post, Ruth Aaron, chair of the Scholarship Committee, presented the 1998 awards to Lila Kagedan and Ari Goldberg.

Lila Kagedan is a graduate of Yitzhak Rabin High School where she was president of the Students' Council. She has given her time to many organizations, including Land Mines Action Canada, Media Watch and Beth Shalom West, where she ran several youth programs. Lila is currently spending a year in Israel pursuing Judaic studies at the Midreshet Lindenbaum Yeshiva for Women.

Ari Goldberg is a graduate of Hillel Academy, Nepean High School and the Ariel and Akiva Judaic Studies Programs. Among his volunteer activities, Ari was active with the Peace and Environment Resource Centre and Hillel Lodge. He is now pursuing a degree in Judaic Studies at the University of

Toronto.

Guest speaker, Dr. Stephen Harris, chief historian of the Directorate of History and Heritage at National Defence Headquarters and one of the authors of *The Crucible War*, the official history of the RCAF during the Second World War, discussed allied bombing of enemy targets.



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## ORGANIZATIONS AND PEOPLE

### Torah class for teens stimulates lively discussions

By Andrea Wershof, age 17

Student, Yitzhak Rabin High School

Every Tuesday evening at the Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, a group of 15 to 20 teenagers gathers for a special program. The hour-long session in the teen lounge gives this group an opportunity to come together to spend time with other Jewish teens and to learn about the Torah.

From 7:30 to 8:30, group members ranging in age from 14 to 19, study the weekly Torah portion, the Parshat Hashavua. The class, led by Rabbi Zischa Shaps and run through JET (Jewish Education through Torah) in conjunction with the Soloway JCC, is being advertised as an in-depth textual look at the Parsha. In fact, often there are so many questions on the words of the Torah that we only cover three or four P'sukim (sentences)!

The students represent many different high schools, including several public schools as well as Yitzhak Rabin High School, Machon Sarah, Ottawa Torah Institute, Ashbury College and the Ariel program. Many of us come from different Jewish educational backgrounds as well, but we all have one thing in common when we come to Rabbi Shaps' class: we all have the desire to learn. The discussion in the class is lively, and everyone participates, asking questions or suggesting answers in a spontaneous and inform-

mal way. It is amazing that a small group of teenagers can generate over 20 questions on the first few P'sukim of the Parsha, evaluating the different possible meanings and lessons learned from the text.

Rabbi Shaps helps us to develop our thoughts and articulate our doubts. He encourages us to satisfy our curiosity by not hesitating to challenge the text and stimulates our minds when providing an array of answers.

I encourage any teenager, regardless of Jewish background or education, to come by the teen lounge on Tuesday evenings to see if you can add to our list of questions.

For more information contact Shelli Kimmel (726-9125) or Rabbi Zischa Shaps (521-4437).

### Community mikvah to open officially on December 6

On Sunday afternoon December 6, the women of the community are invited to attend the official opening of the new mikvah located in the Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 1780 Kerr Avenue.

This occasion will also mark the inauguration of an annual lecture dedicated to the memory of Malka Borenstein, who served as the community's mikvah attendant for many years. Borenstein was a unique person who always attended study groups and delighted in sharing



Talmud Torah Afternoon School's Grade 7 students enjoy a fall day at the Leadership Development Course at the MacSkimming Educational Facility.

the gems she learned with everyone she met. Noted Toronto lecturer and teacher Sherri Wise will be the guest speaker.

The program will begin at 1:00 pm with a tour of the facility. This will be an opportunity for everyone to learn exactly how the state-of-the-art mikvah was constructed and how comfortable and private it is.

At 2:00 pm, Wise will speak on the topic, "The Torah Approach to Marital Intimacy". She approaches this topic in

an open and informal manner and is always ready to answer any questions. This is your opportunity to hear everything you always wanted to know about the mikvah experience but were too shy to ask.

At 3:00 pm, there will be a l'Chayim to celebrate the event.

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With his moving experiences in Poland and later, in Israel, Nathan returned to Ottawa feeling profoundly connected to the Jewish community. He has become more involved at Temple Israel and says the High Holidays were more meaningful this year. He is even thinking about moving to Israel when he is older.

Today, because of his experiences on the March of the Living, Nathan's Jewish vision includes a past, present and future.



"Before the trip, Judaism for me was just Passover seders. At our congregation, I never really fit in or felt involved," he says. "Now, I'm so much more involved. I feel connected to Judaism so much more."

Your contribution to the UJA campaign provides funds to help young Jews in our community like Nathan strengthen their identity. UJA supports, among other projects, family education programs, day school subsidies for families in need, enhanced supplementary schools and greater participation by Ottawa teenagers in the March of the Living.



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## ORGANIZATIONS AND PEOPLE

### Greenberg Families Library opens

The grand opening of the Bess and Gilbert and Shirley and Irving Greenberg Families Library took place on November 1 in the Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building.

Keynote speaker Susan Jackson, past director of Jewish education for Canadian Jewish Congress and director of continuity for the Jewish Federation of Toronto, spoke on *The Significance of Books to the Jewish People*. She stated her belief that books are supremely important to our continuity because they tell the story of our people. It is by telling and retelling that story that

we pass our values, our hopes, our history, on to the next generation.

"Our hope is that the Greenberg Families Library will have just such a role in our community," said Library Committee Chair Ruth Levitan. "We want it to involve people in Jewish learning and the exchange of ideas." The library opened this fall with an exciting schedule of activities, including a book club, lectures, and a film series.

Linda Kerzner, chief operating officer of the Soloway JCC, lauded the efforts of the library committee and librarians Estelle Backman and Donna Guttman. "Their

devotion has resulted in us taking the first steps towards making the Greenberg Families Library the cultural and educational heart of the Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building," she stated.

Recalling the Library's humble existence at 151 Chapel Street, she calls its transformation in the Soloway JCC as "nothing short of miraculous". It is now equipped with four computer workstations with Internet access and is in the process of acquiring a Judaica CD-ROM collection, a video library, a new children's collection and many more books.



Librarians Donna Guttman (left) and Estelle Backman

### The new funeral chapel – one year later

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vice. (The old chapel accommodated 450, including the upstairs.) This is adequate in most cases, but problematic in the event of a funeral for a VIP or a member of a very large family. This occurs only 10 to 15 per cent of the time.

The décor of the Cuba Avenue building is simple and unadorned, unlike the very intimate and traditional aura of the old chapel, with its dark aged wood benches and overhanging balcony. However, a new large Star of David has recently been installed in the front of the chapel to enhance the atmosphere. As well, the location of the new chapel is approximately 10 minutes closer to the cemeteries.

As the facility is still relatively new, there is some confusion about visiting with the mourners before the service. The family room is beyond the front of the main sanctuary, and is very small and quite private. Some families prefer visiting and find the space too confined while others would

wish for more privacy. In some cases, visiting does take place with the mourners and their families in the front rooms before the service begins, but the Chevra Kadisha feels that this has a negative impact on the decorum and the solemnity of the occasion. Visiting downstairs at the old chapel was a custom quite unique to Ottawa, although it was problematic for the Chevra Kadisha to handle crowds that gathered in the building's narrow stairway.

The old building, the former Adath Jeshurun Synagogue, is still vacant though a committee of the Chevra Kadisha has been constituted to deal with its future. There is a great sentimental attachment to it as one of the few remaining Jewish historical buildings in this area. When the options were originally being considered, fully developed architectural, engineering and mechanical drawings were prepared for purposes of restoring the structure. These may still provide a basis for any future

use. In the meantime, the Chevra Kadisha is responsible for maintaining the building, paying for heat, taxes and the caretaker who lives in the building.

Sam Ages allowed that the financial implications of the move to the new chapel, including the extra operating costs, only became completely apparent to the Chevra Kadisha after the passage of time. The price of the renovations doubled the cost of the building. Extra expenditures are required for landscaping, including a sprinkler system, parking lot now removal and a salaried custodian. Still, the Chevra Kadisha is independent of the Vaad Ha'Ir, financially self-sufficient and makes decisions by a vote of its members. The decision to move to the new location was made by the Chevra Kadisha alone.

The new facility has resolved a number of problems, but there are still some complaints and criticisms. After one full year of operation, the jury is still out.

### Shabbat Sephardi style at Congregation Beth Shalom

By Kinneret Globerman

On Friday, December 4, Congregation Beth Shalom, with the involvement of the Sephardi Association of Ottawa, will be hosting a special Shabbat dinner for family and friends. The theme for the evening is Shabbat Sephardi-style with a meal and program reflecting the customs and traditions of Judaism's exotic other half.

The evening promises to be a highlight of Beth Shalom's Shabbat dinner program-

ming. A special guest for the evening will be the Israeli Ambassador to Canada David Sultan, who will share some of the Sephardi customs surrounding Shabbat. Congregation Beth Shalom's cantor, Yair Subar, will present a selection of Sephardi songs. And, of course, a full-course traditional Sephardi meal will be served.

The Sephardim are descendants of Jews who lived in the Iberian Peninsula during the Middle Ages and were expelled from

Spain in 1492 and a few years later, from Portugal. They finally found safety in North Africa but wherever they settled, they brought with them their native language Ladino – a form of medieval Spanish mixed with a smattering of Hebrew. They also brought with them the customs and foods from their native lands with the result that a Sephardi Shabbat in Iraq is somewhat different than one in Egypt. There have been many famous Sephardim

throughout Judaism's long history; more notably, perhaps, is Joseph Caro who codified the Jewish law, and the Sephardi mystics of Safed who popularized and expanded the Kabbala.

The cost for the Shabbat meal is \$25 for members, \$30 for non-members, \$18 for students and \$8 for children under 12. Pre-payment is required and reservations are advised. RSVP no later than November 30 by calling the shul office (789-3501).

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**SPECIAL FEATURE**

# Exclusive interview with Edward Alexander, author of *Irving Howe Socialist, Critic, Jew*

**By Arnold Ages**

*Editor's note: This book was reviewed by Arnold Ages in the September 8, 1998 issue of the Bulletin.*

Edward Alexander, a professor of English at the University of Washington (Seattle), a prolific academic and writer who spent many years teaching at Tel Aviv University, is the author of classic works on the Holocaust, Yiddish literature, Israel politics and society. A frequent contributor to *Commentary* magazine, Alexander published, earlier this year, a meticulously drawn biography of Irving Howe whose book, *World of Our Fathers*, was hailed in the 1960s as the most impressive tribute to American Yiddish language and culture ever penned on this continent. In his study of Howe, Alexander, who knew Howe well, offers a detailed and often controversial analysis of both Howe's gentle humanism and his "dark side" - his youthful embrace of Trotskyism and indifference to the Holocaust. Professor Alexander responded to the following questions in a recent interview.

Q. What was it in Irving Howe's career that drew you towards him as a subject for a biography?

A. I saw him as the last great advocate of secular Jewishness (as distinct from the religion of Judaism), somebody in the line of I.L. Peretz, who endowed secular Jewishness with a special twilight beauty but who also eventually acknowledged it to be a lost cause. And I also admired the way he embodied his own precept that one of the arts of life is knowing how to end.

Q. In your book you refer several times to Howe's change of name from an obviously Jewish-sounding one to a more anglicized one. At least one reviewer has seen something sinister in this. What is your response?

A. The youthful Howe (like the not so youthful reviewer you mention) thought his name change was strictly political. The mature Howe thought otherwise. In 1966 he condemned Jewish radicals (and by implication his youthful self) for choosing "for their 'party names', almost anything that did not sound Jewish"; in 1982 he said that Jewish name-changing had "less to do with Marxist strategy than our own confused and unexamined feelings about Jewish origin".

Q. You allude in your book to Howe's early indifference to and ignoring of the Holocaust. How do you explain this phenomenon?

A. Howe wore Marxist ideological

blinders during the Second World War. He saw Nazism as the last desperate convolution of German capitalism and completely failed to see that totalitarianism was something new. Incredible as it seems in retrospect, he saw Hitler waging war not against the Jews but against the working classes. When war crimes trials were held after the war he criticized them because the judges were not members of the German working classes, since they were "the real victims of Nazism", as if German workers had not been involved in murdering Jews.

Q. Aside from describing Howe's admiration for his parents in your biography, you have relatively little to say about Howe's personal life - marriage, children etc. Why is this?

A. I was mainly interested in Howe's intellectual development and his career as a public intellectual; to some extent, I suppose, I was imitating his autobiography, which is remarkably impersonal. I also felt that the apparent disorderliness of his personal life - four marriages, some dalliances - would distract from his literary achievement and perhaps be used by his enemies (who were numerous) to undermine his authority as a moralist.

Q. What were the difficulties you encountered in researching the biography?

A. Although I was writing a biography of Howe's mind, I did want whatever information I could gather about his personal life, even if I did not use it in the book. But here I was completely stymied. I was unable to get any response whatsoever from his four wives ... For example, when I tried to get his army record from the government, I was unable to get the (required) approval of his widow, Ilana. I did not do much better with his socialist colleagues, except for Lewis Cosen. Howe's son and literary executor threatened to sue me if I quoted from any of his letters, including those written to me; I was therefore forced to paraphrase. His daughter was equally uncooperative, and insisted that Howe had left no papers. In general there was a dismal contrast between Howe's openness to people who held views unlike his own and the mean-spirited parochialism of his children and socialist allies.

Q. Howe's non Zionism is an important theme in your portrait of him. How did he react to Israelis on the left - of which we know there was and is ample representation?

A. Having acknowledged the failure of

socialism in Russia and America, Howe for some time thought it could be salvaged in Israel. This was the main reason he tended to be far less critical of Israeli leftists than of American ones; and he was, of course, active in the American offshoot of the Israeli left, American Friends of Peace Now.

Q. Despite his Brandeis University period, Howe did not make it as a successful university professor. Why is that?

A. I don't accept your premise here. I have a thick file of letters from former students praising him as a teacher. And I have always found his "instructor's manual" for the textbook called *Classics of Modern Fiction* helpful as a teaching tool.

Q. How do you explain, psychologically speaking, Howe's re-discovery of his Jewish and Yiddish roots. Was it a mid-life crisis thing?

A. It came too early in his life - his late twenties - to be considered a mid-life crisis. Rather it reflected a belated reaction to the destruction of European Jewry, a desire to salvage something, in the form of his half dozen Yiddish anthologies, from the wreckage of a civilization - and also, I think, to make these anthologies the "sacred" texts of secular Jewishness.

Q. Why was Howe so disquieted by Hannah Arendt's book, *Eichmann in Jerusalem*?

A. In 1947 Howe had worked as Arendt's assistant at Schocken Books, and he now in 1963, saw her "grand haughtiness" towards Jewish institutions raised to the level of a theory of the European Jewish leadership's complicity in the Holocaust and expressed her supercilious contempt for those "coarse" Israelis putting Eichmann, on trial. He was also infuriated by the book's original publication in the *New Yorker* - discussion of mass murder alongside ads for perfume, mink coats and racing cars - to say nothing of the fact that the *New Yorker* protected Arendt against all criticism of her shoddy scholarship and bizarre conclusions.

Q. Did Howe play any role in the defence of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, the atomic spies?

A. Members of the Communist Party in America were the last people likely to elicit empathy or defence from Howe, especially in the fifties. It is important to remember that the Trotskyists, whatever their feelings, were staunchly anti-Soviet and viewed American supporters of Stalinism on a par with people who had supported Hitler. Howe has a withering footnote on Rosenberg's Jewish supporters in *World of Our Fathers*.

Arnold Ages, a professor in the French Studies Department, University of Waterloo, can be reached at [aages@interlog.com](mailto:aages@interlog.com)

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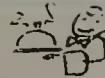
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## KID LIT

# Chanukah I: Traditional symbols and activities



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DEANNA SILVERMAN

Because of a plethora of good Chanukah books, I'll devote two columns to this joyous holiday. The following three books describe traditional symbols and activities in delightful new ways.

### *Eight Days Of Hanukkah*

By Harriet Ziefert  
Pictures by Melinda Levine  
Viking 1997  
Unpaged Ages 3-6

Described as an "innovative holiday step book," *Eight Days Of Hanukkah* uses four lines of text per double page spread to mention one aspect of the holiday celebration on each of the eight nights of Chanukah. The progression from one to eight is shown visually in two ways. The obvious way, the addition of another candle in the menorah each night.

More creatively, the progression is shown in the design of the book itself. Each two-page spread is an incremental size, each has its own uniquely colored border, and each border is decorated with the number of candles depicted on its page.

When the book is opened candles can be counted vertically and horizontally, from one to eight in either direction or totalled if children want to count to higher numbers. A charming opportunity for learning.

The Chanukah traditions depicted include lighting candles by using the shamash, playing dreidel, frying latkes, a shiny coin, storytelling and family enjoyment. They are tied together by the refrain, "Do you know the reason why? It's Hanukkah tonight."

Brightly colored pictures, accentuated by white space, complement this simple text. Great fun for the young set.

### *Inside-Out Grandma: A Hanukkah Story*

By Joan Rothberg  
Hyperion Books for Children 1995  
Unpaged Ages 4-8

*Inside-Out Grandma: A Hanukkah Story* is a humorous bit of circular fluff in which Rosie tries to understand why wearing her clothes inside-out reminds Grandma "to buy enough oil to fry the potato latkes."

It's a memory aid, of course and that one progresses to eight others as Grandma leads Rosie in a merry circle: from wearing her clothes inside-out; to Rosie's Daddy wearing his clothes inside-out when he was a boy; to Rosie's Daddy looking like Grandpa Reuben; to their red hair; to a shiny copper penny; to Grandma's papa's silver dreidel; to the Chanukah menorah; to

memories of the family celebrating the holiday and eating lots of latkes; to having enough oil to fry those latkes.

Loving, slightly old-fashioned, brightly colored gouache and pencil pictures add energy and spunk as Rosie and Grandma bake Chanukah cookies, look at the family picture album, spin the silver dreidel and share happy memories.

In case you missed the round, when Daddy comes to pick up Rosie he too asks Grandma why she is wearing her clothes inside-out. Rosie's "you're in for it now" expression is adorable.

### *The Menorah Story*

By Mark Podwal  
Greenwillow Books 1998  
Unpaged Ages 5-8

When most of us think of the menorah we visualize an eight-branched or cupped *Hanukkah* with its extra place for the *shammash*. In *The Menorah Story*, author Mark Podwal reminds us that the original menorah, Judaism's ancient symbol, had seven branches.

There are many intriguing legends about the origins of that first menorah. Podwal chooses to credit its creation to God and Moses. In Podwal's version, Moses keeps forgetting God's design for the menorah. In exasperation God tells Moses to throw some gold into a fire. The menorah forms itself.

Why seven-branches? Podwal briefly mentions a few of the mystical theories linking that menorah to Creation, the planets and the continents. Then skipping numerous generations he moves on to "... a time when the lights of the menorah went out."

Podwal's inspiring Chanukah story challenges the usual version in two ways. First, while Judah Maccabee is mentioned he is not portrayed as the mighty leader. Rather the emphasis is on a revolt by the people.

Second, Podwal adds three more miracles: the menorah is successfully hidden from Antiochus's soldiers; the small Jewish army is led into battle by an angel "dressed in golden armor and holding a fiery sword ..."; and Jerusalem as well as the Temple is restored.

As to the eight-branched *Hanukkah*, the candles or oil we light and the length of the holiday all commemorate the small amount of pre-revolt holy oil that burned in the rekindled golden menorah



From *The Menorah Story*

for the eight days needed to make fresh oil.

Brilliantly colored impressionistic gouache and colored pencil illustrations lend credence to the mystical qualities of Podwal's story. In all, a glowing addition to Chanukah Kid Lit.

Tune in next issue for two zany Chanukah stories.

**Hot Off The Press** The fall issue of the literary journal *Prairie Fire* (Vol. 19.3) features reviews of Canadian books for Young Adults, including two Jewish content novels I wrote about, *Time Like A River*, a time-travel adventure, and *Good-Bye Marianne*, a *Kindertransport* story.

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I love easy ways to make delicious meals, and "roasting" a meat is as easy as they come! As well, it's a healthy way of cooking, as extra fat is rarely added to the recipe. While you're roasting a chicken, make the side dishes and dessert at the same time, place them in the oven, set the timers and be prepared for a delicious feast with no fuss.

I love to roast a huge pan of vegetables, tossing in whatever combination I find in the grocery store. My favorite combination is cubed eggplant, zucchini chunks, garlic cloves, onion chunks, red pepper chunks tossed with a bit of olive oil and fresh herbs. I always make extra and use the leftovers in sandwiches and as a quick antipasto on bread. But remember, roasting sends off delicious aromas so you might have to leave the house while dinner is cooking!

**Roasted Whole Cauliflower**

1 large cauliflower, about 2 1/2 to 3 lb  
3 tbsp extra-virgin olive oil  
2 tsp minced garlic  
1 tsp mustard seeds  
Fresh cracked black pepper  
1/2 tsp salt  
1 tbsp chopped chives



Put rack in centre of oven. Preheat oven to 375°. Set aside a baking sheet and a square of heavy-duty foil to fit under cauliflower. Trim cauliflower leaves. Turn head over and carefully cut down about 1 1/2" to remove woody stem, making sure that florets stay intact. Rinse cauliflower and blot dry with paper towels. Place cauliflower in centre of foil and set on baking sheet. Combine oil and garlic. Gently warm on top of stove in small frying pan until fragrant, but garlic should not brown. Strain oil through fine sieve, pressing on garlic to get all oil. Discard garlic. Stir mustard seeds and pepper in oil. Spoon warm oil mixture as evenly as possible over cauliflower. Sprinkle evenly with salt. Crimp foil to hug base of cauli-

flower. Bake, uncovered, until just tender (test centre core with tip of sharp paring knife), about 1 1/2 hours. To serve, place head in centre of round platter. Sprinkle with chives. Serve hot in pie-shaped wedges.

**Roasted Sweet Potatoes with Garlic**

8 very large sweet potatoes  
2 whole heads garlic, cloves separated and peeled  
1/2 cup virgin olive oil  
1 1/2 tbsp kosher salt

Freshly ground black pepper

Preheat oven to 400°. Peel sweet potatoes and cut into bite-sized pieces. Put into roasting pan with peeled garlic cloves. Drizzle with oil and sprinkle on salt and black

pepper. Mix with spoon. Bake for 1 hour, stirring every 15 minutes until very tender. Put under broiler to brown. Serves 8.

**Baked Fruit**

You can substitute nectarines or sweet plums for the peaches. Experiment with other varieties of dried fruit too.

3 lb ripe peaches, pits removed and thinly sliced

2 lb ripe pears, cored and thinly sliced

1/2 lb dried figs, chopped

1 tsp cinnamon

1/2 cup apple juice

Preheat oven to 375°. Mix the fruit and cinnamon together and pour fruit into a 2-quart baking dish. Pour juice into dish and bake covered for 45 minutes at 375°. Serve warm. Serves 6.

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## SIXTY SOMETHING



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RUTH WEITZ

## My Twenty-One Club

I just placed my phone back in the holder after hearing news that saddened me. A member of my Twenty-One Club and a friend for 55 years died this morning. My mind is working overtime to recall memories of our beginning.

I was president of Junior Hadassah as were a few of my friends before me. We sponsored two dances a year to which we charged admission. Time passed and we were in our 20s. Our escorts were now professional men. The boys who accompanied the newer and younger members were university juniors or sophomores. The mix was no longer right for us and we felt it time to move on.

We were well known for being actively involved in the Jewish community and the members of Senior Hadassah pleaded with us to join them. They were married women with children and we felt, "too old" for us as we were still dating.

Five of us met in my home. Actually it was the home of my parents with whom I was living. In those long ago days, single girls lived with parents until married. Remember?

After hours of discussion, a decision was made. We would form a club limiting membership to 21 which would be small enough to allow us to meet in our homes. We would meet twice a month and dues would be 25 cents collected at each meeting.

At the first meeting we brought our other friends, then opened it up for new membership. A prospective member was invited to a meeting. Before we would meet again, if our president received one phone call rejecting the girl, she would not be admitted. No one ever asked who called and no one ever knew. That may sound snobbish to you but it was important to us because if someone became a member whom just one girl did not like, for whatever reason, it would spoil what we had. What we had was a mutual admiration society which remains to this day, 55 years later.

Our help to the community was endless. The first thing we did was to support an orphanage in a nearby community. We supplied whatever was needed, be it cribs, linens, toys or medicine. We visited the children to play with them and whenever necessary, we paid to have their rooms painted.

A large elch room was given to us free of charge and we sponsored a card party twice a year and charged admission.

We ran many kinds of parties to which young singles and couples paid a small entrance fee. We made money from every party, to which we added our own to make the amount larger, because it all went to help less fortunate people.

In time we all married and our husbands became friends. Our social parties continued but now we were couples who enjoyed being together. To announce an engagement, a member brought a box of candy to the meeting. Upon returning to a meeting after the birth of a child, the new mommy brought a bottle of wine.

As we became more affluent we moved to larger homes in other communities but still close enough to one another so that we could continue meeting. We did not stop committing ourselves or our money. We raised our dues and met afternoons while our children were in school.

I have two large scrapbooks. One is filled with photographs beginning with our early years, wedding invitations, our children's birth announcements, Bar and Bat Mitzvah invitations, then our children's wedding invitations. Pictures of our children and grandchildren fill many of the pages. The second book is filled with thank-you letters from all the people we helped over the years.

On a sad note, we have lost some of our original members and many husbands. We no longer have meetings, but we continue to see one another.

Someday I will write the whole story of My Twenty-One Club for I believe we are an unusual group of women and men. We have remained good friends since we were single and double dated all those years ago.

## ORGANIZATIONS AND PEOPLE

### Lisa Granatstein's daily routine

(Continued from page 8)  
stringer for the *New York Times*.

"The *Times* told me to buy a beeper. They'd keep me to cover murders, parades - I covered the Stanley Cup Parade when the Rangers won - heroin overdoses and gang-related stories. It was a real mixed bag," Lisa says.

Through an Ottawa connection, she got her big break. "Arthur and Linda Cogan really helped me out," she says. "Linda contacted her good friend, Judith Stoller, who works in *Time's* Washington office. I sent Judith my résumé and she passed it on to Marta Doren, the chief of reporters at *Time*, New York. Marta and I met, hit it off and in October '95 I was hired."

Technology was Lisa's beat at *Time* until the night TWA Flight 800 left Kennedy Airport with 230 passengers and crew bound for Paris. Minutes after takeoff, the plane crashed into the Atlantic Ocean.

"It was July 17, 1996 and I was at home channel-surfing when news hit that a plane had gone down off Long Island," Lisa recalls. "I knew that would be a big news story and I started to pace back and forth in my apartment. Finally about 10 pm I called the office. I had hesitated because I'd never worked on a news story before."

The voice on the other end of the line informed Lisa that she was the first reporter to call in. She was instructed to grab her press pass, her credit card and, 'Get over there.' At 11 pm she was on her way to the crash site. The sun would rise and set twice before she slept again.

"That event, that 48 hours changed me," Lisa says. "I was at the centre of an international story. I was one of the most incredible experiences I've ever had as a journalist."

Discovering that journalists were being sent out to the crash scene on Coast Guard cutters, Lisa demanded that she and the *Time* photographer be allowed on board.

"We boarded at 6 am for what I thought would be an hour and returned three hours later," she says. "We were actually helping the Coast Guard pick up the things that were floating. Things like leather jackets and shoes and other personal possessions."

"It was surreal. I was exhausted. The jet fuel, the fumes from the jet fuel, the slicks on the water, the pieces of the plane floating on the water. You couldn't stop to think what was happening. You just had to do your job and not think about the awful reality of what had happened."

At one point, Lisa pulled a camera from among the

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floating debris. Inside the case she found a folded piece of paper with a list of girls' names, sizes and colors.

"I knew it might mean something to the people who'd lost a loved one on that plane and I was afraid it would be devastating to them," Lisa says. "But I took the chance and began my story in *Time* with the note inside the camera case."

When the issue came out, the *Time* office received a telephone call from Montoursville, Pennsylvania. The callers were the parents of a student who had been travelling to Paris with the Montoursville French Club. They explained that the camera and the note belonged to their daughter who perished on Flight 800. The names listed were the names of friends, their glove sizes and the colors they preferred. She had compiled the list scant minutes before leaving to board the ill-fated flight.

"I and other journalists involved in reporting the story of the crash suffered very serious after-effects," Lisa says. "I had nightmares for three months." The positive that came out of the experience for Lisa was the realization that she wanted to do more than write about technology. In January 1998, she joined the staff of *Mediaweek*.

"It's really a great job," she says happily. "I'm passionate about what I write about. And, although some days I feel like I'm going to crack, I love what I'm doing."

Being invited to parties and screenings where she's rubbing shoulders with national and international notables is definitely one of the perks of the job.

"And," says Lisa, "I love living in New York!"

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Program No.	Program (Prices include GST)	Lessons & Lifts	Bus	Rentals
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## REGISTRATION

1. By mail - please use form provided below. Payment must be included. Cheques should be made out to: JCC Ski Program, Soloway JCC, 1780 Kerr Avenue, K2A1R9

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Ski tags and group information will be mailed to you in early January.

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Emergency Name _____	Phone # _____			
Skiers' Names	Age	Program #	Level*	Fee
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Best wishes to Ben Feinstein on his special birthday by Sonia and Harry Agulnik.

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Wishing Harold Sarkin a t'ruah sh'l'mah by Ophra and Stanley Aron.

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In memory of Minnie Pass by Cynthia and Abe Engel.

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Best wishes to Benjamin Feinstein on his special birthday by Ruth and Hy Calot; by Ted and Judy Wolfe; by Harvey and Yvonne Litwick; and by David and Judy Kalin.

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In memory of William Laufer by Allen and Diane Abramson.

Best wishes to Adele Shinder on her 60th birthday by Allen and Diane Abramson; and by Gert Goldstein.

### BEATRICE AND SAMUEL GREENBERG FAMILY FUND

In memory of Minnie Pass by Bea Greenberg and family.

Best wishes to Carol and Lorry Greenberg on their 40th wedding anniversary by Bea Greenberg and family.

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Mazel Tov to Lily and Jerry Penso on their 40th wedding anniversary by Joan Stringer.

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In memory of Minnie Pass by Debbie, Norm and Vicki Ferkin.

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Mazel Tov to Eric Caplan on receiving his doctorate in psychology by aunt Clara Slack; and by Harvey Slack.

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Best wishes to Linda Kerzner on her 40th birthday by Sarah and Amie Sweder.

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Wishing Israel Kardish well by Rose and Chick Taylor.

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In observance of the Yahrtzeit of a dear mother and grandmother Sarah Kimmel by Isabel and Norman Lesh and family.

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Mazel Tov to Dr. Stanley Labow on becoming Chief of Plastic Surgery of the Ottawa Hospital by Marilyn and Dan Kimmel.

Best wishes to Harold Cohen on his special birthday by Isabel and Norman Lesh.

Wishing Rabbi Ely Braun and Elisheva Braun continued good health by Isabel and Norman Lesh.

Best wishes to Carole and Norman Zagerman on their wedding anniversary by Isabel and Norman Lesh.

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Best wishes to Lil and Morris Lang on their 50th wedding anniversary by Tema Lewin; and by Pauline and Iz Liweck.

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In memory of Louis Rasmovsky by Sandra and Jacie Levinson.

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Best wishes to Lillian Kimmel on her birthday by Alvin and Diana Malomet.

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Wishing Ann Polowin a r'luah sh'lolah by Rose and Chick Taylor.

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Congratulations to Carol Shikma on becoming president of the Shaar Zion Congregation by Evelyn and Norman Potchein.

Mazal Tov to Joel Schein on his birthday by aunt Evelyn and uncle Norman Potchein.

Mazal Tov to Agnes and Earl Potchein on their wedding anniversary by aunt Evelyn and uncle Norman Potchein.

Mazal Tov to Judy Wolfe on her birthday by Evelyn and Norman Potchein.

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Best wishes to Michael and Victoria Radnof in their new home by Grandma Freida Radnof.

### LYLA RASMINSKY MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Louis Rasmovsky by Harvey and Yvonne Lithwick.

### HERMAN AND ZELDA ROODMAN FUND

Yasher Koach to Lil Lang for being recognized as an Emunah Life Member by Zelda and Herman Roodman.

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In memory of Minnie Pass by Zelda and Herman Roodman.

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Wishing Joe Ghetler continued good health by Sheldon and Corinne Taylor.

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### LAYA AND SOL SHABINSKY FAMILY FUND

In appreciation to Laya and Sol Shabinsky by Linda and Stephen Weiner.

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Best wishes to Adele Shinder on her special birthday by Simmy and Chuck Gardner, Andrea, Allison and Paul; by Ray and Ernest Goldstein; and by Frankie and Jerry Rose.

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Mazal Tov to Adele Shinder on her 60th birthday by Jack and Yaffa Shinder, Ariel, Gideon and Jonah.

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In memory of Minnie Pass by Zelaine and Sol Shinder.

Best wishes to Adele Shinder on her special birthday by Zelaine and Sol Shinder.

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Mazal Tov to Dorothy and Leslie Martin on the engagement of their son Frank Goldschleger by Myra and Lester Aronson and family.

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Wishing Ruth Aron a r'luah sh'lolah by Myra and Lester Aronson.

In memory of Minnie Pass by Myra, Lester, Jennifer, Donna, Gregory and Jordan Aronson.

### MOE AND CHARLOTTE SLACK FUND

In memory of Ben Wise by Marlene Levine and Andrew Simon; and by Charlotte Slack.

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Best wishes to Benjamin Feinstein on his 100th birthday by Ruth and Hy Soloway.

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In appreciation to Rabbi Reuven Bulka by Judith and Bill Goldenberg.

In appreciation to Canitor Pinchas Levinson by Judith and Bill Goldenberg.

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Wishing Earl Greenberg a speedy recovery by Claire and Irving Bercovitch.

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Happy birthday wishes to Larry Weisz by Irene Swedlove.

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Wishing Joe Ghetler a r'luah sh'lolah by Rose and Chick Taylor.

Wishing Bob Stein a r'luah sh'lolah by Rose and Chick Taylor.

Wishing Rabbi Ely Braun a r'luah sh'lolah by Rose and Chick Taylor.

In memory of Minnie Pass by Rose and Chick Taylor.

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Mazal Tov to Mr. and Mrs. R. Orloff on the forthcoming marriage of their son Marty to Jane by Pearl Toronto.

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Wishing Rabbi Ely Braun and Elisheva Braun a r'luah sh'lolah by Gail and Stephen Victor, Jodie, Jeff and Andrea.

Wishing Donna Caplan a speedy recovery by Gail and Stephen Victor, Jodie, Jeff and Andrea.

Wishing Stanley Aron continued good health by Gail and Stephen Victor.

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Wishing Marlin Schwartz a r'luah sh'lolah by Miriam and Louis Weiner.

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Mazal Tov to Norman and Linda Hamburg on the birth of their granddaughter by Judie and Fred Ross, David, Dean and Allison.

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In memory of Betty Aron by Judie and Fred Ross.

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Wishing Stanley Aron a r'luah sh'lolah by Sarah and Lou Satov.

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In memory of Minnie Pass by Sandra and Sam Zunder.

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Moshe and Lily Feig and family

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## JEWISH COMMUNITY CALENDAR (Continued from page 20)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7	TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8	WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9	THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10	FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11	SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12	SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13
Jewish Family Services/ Soloway Jewish Community Centre, Golden Age Club, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 1780 Kerr Avenue, 12:00 p.m. Ashkenaz: A Celebration of German Jewry, Exhibition & Illustrated Lecture by Cheryl Jaffee, Jacob M. Lowy Collection, National Library of Canada, Room 156, 395 Wellington Street, 7:30 p.m.	École Maimonides Dinner, Château Laurier Hotel, 1 Rideau Street, 5:30 p.m.			Ganor Pre-School, Shabat Shalom Drop-In, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 1780 Kerr Avenue, 9:00-11:00 a.m. Tiny Treasures Shabbat for Tots Drop-In-Centre, 192 Swizer Avenue, 9:30-1:30 p.m.  CANDLELIGHTING BEFORE 4:00 PM		Soloway Jewish Community Centre/Jewish Family Services Chanukah Party, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 1780 Kerr Avenue, 2:00 p.m. Chabad of Ottawa-Carleton Region, Grand Menorah Lighting Ceremony, Carlingwood Mall, Ceremony 4:00 p.m., Lighting 4:30 p.m. <b>FIRST CHANUKAH LIGHT</b>

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR



MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23	TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24	WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25	THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26	FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27	SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28	SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29
Jewish Family Services/ Soloway Jewish Community Centre, Golden Age Club, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 1780 Kerr Avenue, 12:00 p.m.  Cable 22, 6:00 p.m.	Soloway Jewish Commu- nity Centre, Sports Dinner, Ottawa Athletic Club, 2525 Lancaster Road, 6:00 p.m.  Malca Pass Library Book Discussion Group, Reviewer: Rosalynne Keeb-Drenstein, Book: Barney's Version by Mordecai Richler, Agudath Israel Congregation, 1400 Col- dry Avenue, 8:00 p.m.		The Israel Experience Cen- tre, Open House, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 1780 Kerr Avenue, 7:30 p.m.	Ganon Pre-School, Shab- bat Shalom Drop-In, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 1780 Kerr Avenue, 9:00 -11:00 a.m.  Tiny Treasures Shabbat for Tots Drop-In-Centre, 192 Switzer Avenue, 9:30-11:30 a.m.  Temple Israel guest speaker, Fran Pearlman, Topic: Creat- ing Community, Temple Israel, 1301 Prince of Wales, 8:15 p.m.	Teen Casino, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 1780 Kerr Avenue, 7:30 p.m.	Board of Jewish Educa- tion, Professional Day, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 1780 Kerr Avenue, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  Soloway JCC Activity Gallery featuring Florovive Ketz, The Joseph and Ross Ages Family Building, 1780 Kerr Avenue, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  Na'amah "Our Legacy & Future Direction" Meeting, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 1780 Kerr Avenue, 9:30 a.m.  Hillel Lodge Volunteer Bagel Brunch, 125 Wurtemberg Street, 10:30 a.m.  Camp B'nai Brit Reunion, Machzikei Hadas Congregation, 2310 Virginia Drive, 1:00 p.m.  Yiddish Film, Beth Shalom Congregation, 151 Chapel Street, 2:00 p.m.  Jewish Russian Resource Centre, Multicultural Dessert/ Dancing, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 1780 Kerr Avenue, 7:30 p.m.
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30	TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1	WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2	THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3	FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4	SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5	SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6
Jewish Family Services/ Soloway Jewish Community Centre, Golden Age Club, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 1780 Kerr Avenue, 12:00 p.m.		Vaad Ha'ir Board of Trustees Meeting, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 1780 Kerr Avenue, 7:30 p.m.		Ganon Pre-School, Shab- bat Shalom Drop-In, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 1780 Kerr Avenue, 9:00 -11:00 a.m.  Tiny Treasures Shabbat for Tots Drop-In-Centre, 192 Switzer Avenue, 9:30-11:30 a.m.		Temple Israel presents speaker Lois Sweet, Topic "God in the Classroom: The Contro- versial Issue of Religion in Cana- da's Schools", 1301 Prince of Wales Drive, 9:45 a.m.  Bagels and Books, Ganon Pre-School, Storyteller Shirley Schildkraut, The Joseph and Rose Ages Building, 1780 Kerr Avenue, 11:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.  Chevra Kadisha Dinner, Machzikei Hadas Congregation, 2310 Virginia Drive, 6:00 p.m.  Jewish Film Club, Blind Man's Bluff, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 1780 Kerr Avenue, 8:00 p.m.
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This information is taken from the community calendar maintained by the Soloway Jewish Community Centre. Organizations which would like their events to be listed, no matter where they are to be held, should make sure they are recorded by Brenda Schafer, calendar co-ordinator at 798-9818 extension 265. We have voice mail. Accurate details must be provided.

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